Executive Proclamation State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, Hazel Warren was born on January 7, 1910, to Jerry and Carrie (Simpson) Warren at Huron, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Hazel graduated from Huron High School in 1928, the only African American in her class, attended the California School of Beauty Culture in Sioux Falls, and returned to Huron where she was employed at Mary Roselle's beauty parlor while also completing 2 years of courses at Huron College; and,

Whereas, Hazel worked as a beautician in Huron for over 60 years, having purchased and operated Mary's beauty shop for 30 of those years, one of the few businesses owned by a woman; and,

Whereas, Hazel married William P. Mahone, an employee of the Chicago & North Western Railroad, in 1952; and,

Whereas, Hazel was a member of the Huron Toastmistress's Club, belonged to several card clubs and travel groups, and served the First United Methodist Church in numerous capacities; and,

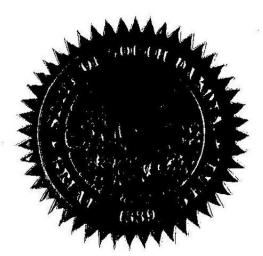
Whereas, In 1962, Hazel was selected as Business and Professional Woman of the Year by the city of Huron, and in 2007, at the age of 97, received a Human Rights Award from Christian Women United for her life-long work on civil rights and women's rights issues; and,

Whereas, Hazel resides at the Violet Tschetter Memorial Home at Huron, South Dakota, and will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 7, 2010, as

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in South Dakota, and I join her friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirty-first Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State